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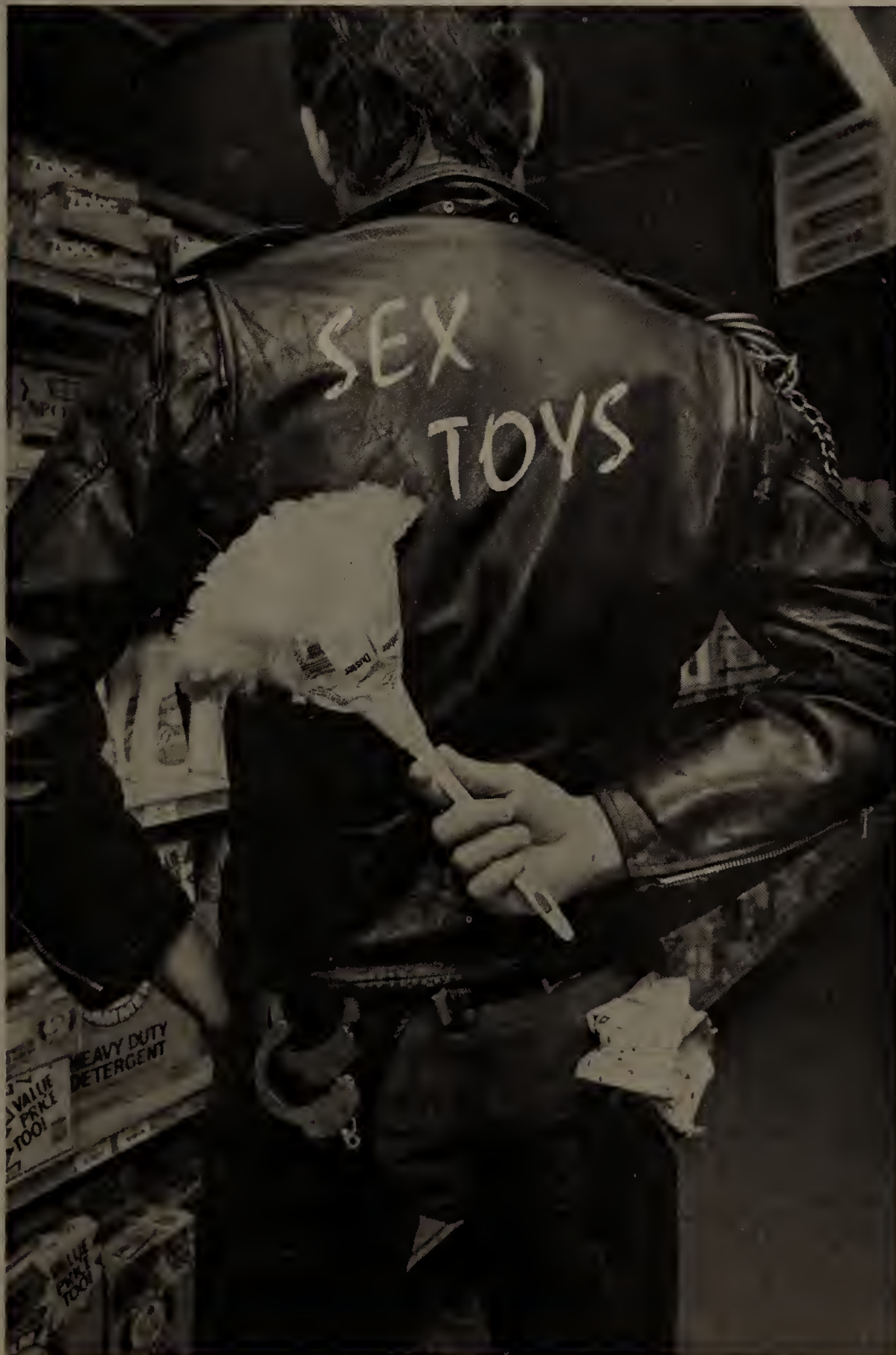
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No Constitutional Protection

Right To Privacy Questioned In Navy Ruling

By Donna Turley

WASHINGTON — In a broadly worded opinion, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed a lower court's decision that the Navy's discharge of a petty officer for homosexual conduct did not violate the officer's constitutional right to privacy or equal protection of the laws.

But the federal appeals court, in a unanimous decision, went beyond the issue of the Navy's right to maintain a policy of mandatory discharge of all homosexuals whether or not they act on their homosexuality, but held that "private, consensual, homosexual conduct is not constitutionally protected."

The appeal was brought by James Dronenburg, who was dismissed from the Navy in 1981 after engaging in "repeated homosexual acts" in Navy barracks with a seaman recruit. Both were students at the Defense Language Institute in

Monterey, Calif. The recruit made sworn statements implicating Dronenburg, and after initially denying the charges, Dronenburg admitted to the relationship. He was discharged with an honorable discharge.

Dronenburg had served in the Navy for nine years as a Korean linguist and cryptographer with a top-security clearance. He had maintained an unblemished service record and earned many citations praising job performance. Dronenburg sought reinstatement.

Leonard Graff of the National Gay Rights Advocates, who worked on the case with attorney Stephen Bomse, explained that in the appeal they "weren't attacking the military's sodomy statute but were only arguing that Dronenburg should be entitled to an individual hearing to determine his fitness to serve regardless of his status."

However, Judge Robert Bork,

in the opinion for the three-member appeals court, used most of the 21-page opinion as a thinly veiled attack on the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren. He condemned it for "creating" the right to privacy as an "emanation" from the specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights without "cognizable roots in the language or the design of the Constitution." In admonishing the Supreme Court for broadening its express constitutional authority, Bork said that the lower courts should not engage in such judicial law-making.

He went on to say that the liberal Warren Court had failed to "provide any guidance for reasoning about future claims laid under the 'new right to privacy' but had listed 'as illustrative of the right to privacy such matters as activities relating to marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, and child rearing

and education. It need hardly be said that none of these covers a right to homosexual activity."

In asserting that the court would not "protect from regulation a form of behavior never before protected, and indeed traditionally condemned," Bork concluded that "[i]f the revolution in sexual mores that appellant proclaims is in fact ever to arrive, we think it must arrive through the moral choices of the people and their elected representatives, not through the judicial ukase of this court."

After concluding that the right to privacy does not include homosexual conduct, Bork briefly addressed the equal protection argument by asserting that "legislation may implement morality," and therefore the Navy's discharge scheme need only be rationally related to its moral judgment.

The decision carries potentially broad precedential effect in the area of reproductive rights, as well as for lesbian and gay rights, through its criticism of the right to privacy as having no basis in the "text, structure and history of the Constitution." However, after urging judicial restraint, Bork failed to take his own advice and did not restrict the opinion to the Navy's policy of summary discharge for homosexuals.

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, said that Bork "clearly wrote an angry opinion." It was "poorly reasoned and badly written. Because the issue is homo-

sexuality, the court felt that they could toss it off and be done with it."

Cathcart called the decision "basically a slash-and-burn operation," and noted that it was merely a statement of Bork's judicial philosophy which failed to overturn or challenge thinking that has gone before. Bork is an "ideologue and a fanatic," he said, adding that this opinion is indicative of the new judicial activism under President Reagan. "We are concerned because this is from a well-respected circuit court and from a justice who is being thought of as a Supreme Court nominee. The implications for what results the lesbian and gay community can expect from the judiciary is very bad."

Bork is a Reagan appointee to the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, the most influential Federal appeals court. He is known to be a top contender for a Supreme Court appointment should a vacancy occur while Reagan is in office. The conservative Bork was the Acting Attorney General who dismissed special prosecutor Archibald Cox at President Nixon's request during the 1973 Watergate scandal.

Cathcart also said, "I don't think that any court with any judicial integrity will use the opinion in any meaningful way. But it is harmful to have it on the books."

Graff said he and attorney Bomse will petition the Circuit

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'They're Homophobic'

Library Bans GCN

By Larry Goldsmith

NEW BEDFORD, MA — The Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library voted unanimously on August 28 to ban *Gay Community News* from its shelves.

The board took the action at a regular meeting after James Lynott, a local resident, made a formal offer to donate a year's subscription to the library.

Although library director Laurence Solomon stated only that he felt the library's 36 books on homosexuality were adequate, two trustees raised vociferous objections to *GCN* at the meeting because the paper carries a small classified advertisement for the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA).

"I haven't slept for two months on account of this," declared trustee Mary Maciel. "If we do this, what do we put next on our shelves? Child pornography? This is what this is advertising, child pornography."

"I've had no problems sleeping nights," said Paul Rodrigues, a retired school superintendent. "I will not vote in favor of stocking the newspaper." Rodrigues said he would accept "the professional opinion of Mr. Solomon" that the library already had "a good amount of literature that comes under the heading of gay literature."

Lynott defended his request and the advertisement for NAMBLA in his statement to the board. "I would like to say that merely to discuss something is not illegal," he said. "The organization that you mention is a legal organization. If it were not so it would have been broken up by the police a long time ago."

Lynott told the board that if it censored the paper on the basis of the ad, "the integrity of the individual will no longer be sacrosanct, as it should be. We're paving the way to the loss of our individual freedoms."

"I don't want to be a party to promote the information that they want to promote," retorted trustee James Hayden, another

former superintendent of schools. Hayden, who first brought the advertisement to the attention of the board, said he vacations in Wareham, where police raided a home occupied by two former NAMBLA members in 1982.

"I think we have to draw the line between censorship, which I don't approve of, and good taste in what we put on the shelves of the Free Public Library," said Maciel. "I wouldn't put *Penthouse* or *Hustler* on these shelves either."

Maciel, who said she has "homosexual friends" who have "lived together for 23 years in beauty and dignity and harmony," said she had supported the gay rights movement in Australia, where she formerly lived. "I'm much in support of them," Maciel said. "I'm in a business where I meet them." Maciel later told *GCN* she deals in antiques.

"You bring me a paper with a hundred signatures under it — from people knowing what they are signing — and I'll sit down and think about it," she added.

After a brief discussion which never addressed the editorial content of the paper, the board voted to "deny" Lynott's offer of a subscription.

"It wasn't the newspaper we objected to, believe me," Maciel said after the meeting. "One of the most beautiful books I ever read was called *The Well of Loneliness*, by Radclyffe Hall."

Maciel, who said she "didn't have a chance" to read any of the articles in the sample copies Lynott provided to the board, said the trustees would be criticized no matter how they acted.

"We received a communication from the minister of a church," she told *GCN*. "We're going to get hell from you and we're going to get hell from him."

Lynott told *GCN* after the meeting he was not surprised by the decision. "They're homophobic," he said. "Basically, that's it. That was just a pretext about the advertisement about NAMBLA."

Lynott also said Solomon told a

local radio station that he had to close the library men's room after a "young boy" was solicited by a gay man using the men's room for sexual activity.

Liz Bennett, a spokesperson for the New Bedford Women's Center, strongly criticized the board's

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Witness Threatened

Bangor Judge Hears Testimony Against Teens

By Sue Hyde

BANGOR, ME — District Court Judge David Cox ruled on August 20 that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with charges against three Bangor teenagers accused of murdering a 23-year-old gay man on July 7.

Cox made his ruling after a day-long probable cause hearing which included testimony from three witnesses to the incident, the state's chief medical examiner, two police officers and the taped confessions of the teenagers. The playing of the tapes provided a dramatic conclusion to a tense day in the courtroom.

Cox did not name what crime James Francis Baines, 15; Shawn I. Mabry, 16; and Daniel Ness, 17, allegedly committed when they attacked Charles Howard, a Bangor gay man, and threw him over a bridge railing into the Kenduskeag Stream. But Cox did not rule out murder, criminal negligence, or manslaughter — all crimes for which a minor can be tried as an adult in the state of Maine.

Cox set Sept. 14 to hear the state's argument that the trio should be tried as adults. Thomas Goodwin, an assistant attorney general and the prosecuting attorney, said after the probable cause hearing that he will argue that each be tried as an adult. "The state is still seeking a charge of murder," he told a knot of newspeople and gay and lesbian

courtwatchers.

The courtroom was crowded with friends and family of the accused teens and a group of about 25 gay men, lesbians and straight supporters who have promised to see the criminal case through to its conclusion. Members of the Bangor Area Gay, Lesbian and Straight Coalition (BAGLS) were easily identifiable in white shirts and lavender armbands and became targets for the nearly palpable hostility exuded by the friends and schoolmates of the accused.

While homophobia most often took the form of cold stares and derisive laughter at overheard conversations in the hallway during Cox's frequent recesses, at least one gay man was threatened. Roy Ogden, the man who strolled with Howard the night he was killed and a key witness, was threatened by a man while he sat on a bench in the hallway. Ogden reported the man told him, "You're dead, faggot."

The tempers of several of the gay and lesbian courtwatchers flared as the police scattered, allowing the man who made the threat to walk away from the scene. Finally, after getting pressure from about a dozen people who refused to let the matter drop, the court security police called in a Bangor police department detective who investigated

the incident.

Action inside the courtroom began with testimony from Ogden, 20, who, in testimony that was to be contradicted several times later that day, said that four men jumped out of Mabry's car just before the attack on Howard. Statements from others heard that day named only three attackers. Ogden also testified that Howard protested he could not swim as the three teenagers prepared to throw him over the bridge railing.

The two women passengers in Mabry's car told the court that although they heard Howard yell, "Help, fire," during the attack, they did not hear him tell the trio he couldn't swim. Both Jennifer Vafiades, 17, and Shawna Vanidestine, 15, testified that after Mabry, Ness and Baines got back in the car, they laughed about the incident and shook hands, congratulating each other. Vanidestine said that when she and Vafiades asked them what would happen if Howard drowned, they replied, "Oh, he won't die."

Tapes of statements taken by police investigators from the three accused were played to conclude testimony. Each teenager told police the same basic facts of the killing, with one notable exception. Daniel Ness insisted to police that he and his two friends did not throw Howard over the railing,

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News Notes

quote of the week

"Society has always regarded marital love as a sacred expression of the bond between a man and a woman. It is the means by which families are created and society itself is extended into the future.

"In the Judeo-Christian tradition it is the means by which husband and wife participate with God in the creation of a new human life. It is for these reasons, among others, that our society has always sought to protect this unique relationship.

"In part the erosion of these values has given way to celebration of forms of expression most reject. We will resist the efforts of some to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality."

— President Ronald Reagan, the darling of gay Republicans, clears up any lingering doubts left by his vague statement of a few weeks ago, in which he said, "...I am opposed to discrimination period."

hush money

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco AIDS Fund has agreed "in principle" to accept a \$15,000 contribution from the Adolph Coors Company, according to the *Bay Area Reporter*. The decision was made in July, but kept under wraps because the group's officers wanted to avoid the negative publicity that is sure to accompany such a move.

Coors Beer has undertaken an aggressive public relations campaign to undercut a nine-year boycott of its beer in Bay Area gay bars and restaurants. The company's campaign includes offers of money to groups in the gay community. The city's gay Tavern Guild will consider accepting \$10,000 from the brewery in October, money which comes with a stipulation that members should push the sales of Coors beer in their bars.

The AIDS Fund provides outright grants to people with AIDS who have monthly incomes of less than \$600. It also delivers groceries to homes, pays for emergency housing, doctor and telephone bills, and meets the material needs of AIDS patients in San Francisco General Hospital.

While acknowledging that accepting the money from Coors would be problematic, Walter Jenkins, the Fund's co-director, said, "We get no money from government agencies. About 50 percent of our funding comes from the straight community already, and we have never refused money because the need is so great."

aids security

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Administration (SSA) has launched a nation-wide campaign to inform people with AIDS about claim allowance eligibility and special claims-taking procedures.

In a press release dated August 23, SSA noted a national allowance rate of 95 percent to applicants with AIDS. The release also states that claim applications can be taken over the phone or completed at a SSA office by a friend or relative of the patient. Monthly benefits may go as high as \$850.

For more information, contact a local SSA office, listed under "Social Security Administration" in the white pages and "United States Government" in the Yellow Pages. All information supplied in connection with claims will be kept confidential.

easy as abc

SYDNEY — The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), the national radio and television authority and a major employer in the country, has extended spouse entitlements to partners of homosexual staff. The decision sparked off a flaming row.

Other new policies include provisions for opening up the male-dominated ABC to women. As well, disabled people, Aboriginal people and non-English speaking migrants who want to enter the ABC will have places set aside for them in training courses.

However, it was the spousal benefits section which had writers of the popular press squealing with dismay, raised the ire of churchmen, and had a number of public figures up in arms at the prospect of lesbians and gay men receiving benefits previously enjoyed only by married heterosexuals. ABC entitlements include bereavement leave, moving costs for both partners when a staffer is transferred, and accommodation for both if a staffer is sent to a remote area. Unmarried heterosexual relationships had been recognized previously.

The new policies, according to the equal opportunity officer, are a natural consequence of the ABC's commitment to equal opportunity. Opponents to the ABC decision claimed it was reprehensible to grant community acceptance to homosexuality as a legitimate way of life. But the ABC said that as an equal opportunity employer it could not discriminate on the grounds of "such irrelevancies as sexuality."

organization blues

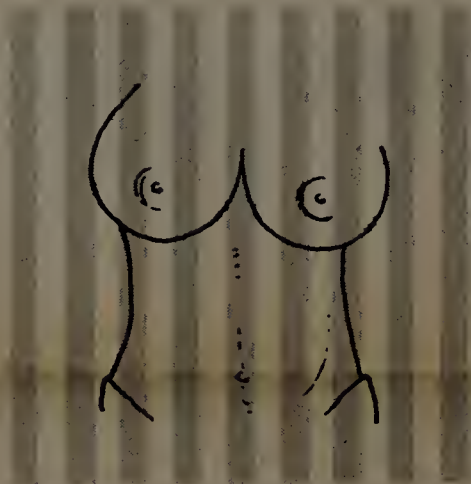
Two national gay organizations are taking it on the nose of late. The 13-member staff of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has agreed to take a 20 percent pay cut to help alleviate a temporary cash flow problem, according to the *Washington Blade*.

Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo said the staff volunteered to take the salary cuts to avoid a curtailment of programming. Apuzzo said the cash crunch should be resolved in about eight weeks and the staff will be restored to full salary.

NGTF's money woes are attributed to a combination of developments. Among them are: greater-than-anticipated expenses associated with the Democratic convention in particular and the presidential election in general; the failure of anticipated foundation grants to materialize; and less-than-hoped-for fundraising endeavors by the group's board members.

Meanwhile, the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) will lose its executive director of four months on October 1. Vicky Monrean will resign effective that date due to illness and on the advice of her doctor. Monrean leaves GRNL in its second directorial transition this year. She succeeded Steve Endean and has helped put the group back on its feet following the turmoil-filled last months of Endean's administration. Endean left GRNL in January.

The lobby's board will be scrambling to fill Monrean's post by her October 1 termination date. GRNL board members contacted by the *Blade* had praise for Monrean and regarded the group's situation as not overly serious.



breast arrest

PROVINCETOWN, MA — A woman sunbather, enjoying full upper frontal exposure, was arrested at Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown on August 22. The woman, Nikki Craft, told a park ranger that she would not put on her bathing suit top and that she wanted to be arrested to force court tests of public nudity laws she calls "unconstitutional and blatantly discriminatory," according to the *New York Times*.

Craft has been charged with public nudity, failing to obey the order of a law-enforcement officer and giving false information. Craft was slapped with the last charge because she did not identify herself by her legal name of Deborah Spray.

Craft, a veteran arrestee of 19 times, urged women to break laws and ignore social customs that discriminate against them. "I am prepared to spend my lifetime on these issues," she said. Craft has been arrested for various civil disobedience protests, such as destroying a newsstand copy of *Hustler* magazine, throwing raw meat on the stage of a California beauty pageant and going topless on beaches. One of the topless cases is a California case now in appeals stages.

The naked scofflaw disregarded a ban on nude sunbathing at the Cape Cod National Seashore that has been in effect since 1975. A ranger said there had been three other arrests this summer for public nudity. Convictions usually result in a \$50 fine.

no new aids money

WASHINGTON — Margaret Heckler, in a belated response to a May memo from her Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Edward Brandt, denied a request for additional funding for AIDS research and directed the Public Health Service to divert non-AIDS related monies to AIDS research, according to the *Washington Blade*.

Last May, Brandt had requested an extra \$20 million in additional research funding for fiscal year 1984 and nearly \$36 million more for 1985.

While Heckler's memo seems to give Brandt wider discretionary powers over the PHS budget, of which he is director, at least one observer noted the funding diversion may start a "war between the diseases."

repressive law repressed

A number of prisoners have written GCN expressing concern about a California law which prohibits anyone convicted of a sex offense with a minor from residing in a community care facility located within one mile of an elementary school. The statute, section 1564 of the California Health and Safety Code, was passed in 1982 through the diligence of state Senator Art Torrez.

Late last year, in a case called *Greco v. McMahon*, the San Diego Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction preventing enforcement of the law until its constitutionality could be determined. The trial is scheduled for December. Technically, this means that the law cannot be enforced in San Diego County alone, but other courts may take the injunction into consideration if the statute's use is challenged.

The state's attorney general's office has accepted the court's ruling as having "state-wide effect," meaning that state agencies may not use the law to prevent people convicted of a sex offense with a minor from residing in such facilities. However, county placement agencies outside of San Diego County continue to enforce the law.

The American Civil Liberties Union, through its participating attorney program, is working on the case. Anyone who has been effected by the law in San Diego County should contact Attorney Michael McGlinn, 401 West A St., Suite 1300, San Diego, CA 92101. Queers in other counties should let legal organizations know if they are being hurt by the law and encourage similar action as in San Diego.

The ACLU of Northern California is located at 814 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103. The address of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California is 633 S. Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005. You might also try the National Lawyers' Guild's Gay Caucus at 558 Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110 and the Lawyers for Human Rights, P.O. Box 480318, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

union expansions

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay and lesbian unionists in this city secured contract stipulations specifically addressing their concerns in a settlement with Marcello's Pizza. The contract settlement ended a 10-day strike on August 6 and produced the first contract between Marcello's and the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Local 2.

In addition to wage hikes and improved medical and dental benefits, Marcello's workers gained Gay Freedom Day as a paid holiday and three days paid funeral leave for the funerals of "significant others." This is the second contract in the city which granted workers the gay pride holiday.

take back the what?

MINNEAPOLIS — Among the 8000 marchers who participated in the August 27 fifth annual Take Back the Night march here were several demonstrators carrying anti-abortion placards. The march route took demonstrators through a downtown strip of adult bookstores and theaters where some participants chanted, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, pornography has got to go!" According to the Associated Press dispatch, marchers shook signs reading, "Pornography is the theory and rape is the practice."

whisper campaign

GRAND HAVEN, MI — A Republican state representative and the sponsor of Michigan's gay/lesbian civil rights bill lost his primary battle by a margin of 2-1, according to the *Detroit Free Press*.

It was widely acknowledged that Rep. Jim Dressel's sponsorship of the defeated bill marked him for a drubbing at the polls months in advance of the election. Dressel's supporters say he was the victim of a "whisper campaign" concerning his sexuality; Dressel would neither confirm nor deny rumors that he is gay. His campaign was plagued by vandalism of yard signs and billboards and the distribution of photocopies of the *Advocate's* listing of the candidate in its "Advocate 400," a gay rights honor roll published August 7.

Dressel's district, the 95th, is regarded as Michigan's most conservative. The winner of the Republican primary, insurance agent Alvin Hoekman of Holland, is virtually assured a victory in November. Dressel had won every area newspaper endorsement and the support of many Democrats in the state, including Detroit's Mayor Coleman Young.

Dressel's defeat at the hands of the homophobes probably signals the death of the gay civil rights bill as well. He commented, "Obviously, if the main sponsor of the bill gets zapped, other wise and sage politicians are going to steer clear of that legislation."

HTLV-III List Proposal Sparks Debate

By Christine Guilfooy

ATLANTA, GA — The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has circulated a memo to state and local epidemiologists seeking their comments on, among other things, the feasibility of developing a national registry of persons who test positive for the HTLV-III antibody. The exploration of such a possibility has left some gay activists angry and anticipating confidentiality problems and the potential for abuse with such a list.

However, the CDC's James Allen defended the memo by characterizing it as a working paper intended for public health officials and designed to explore a range of options. "If [the HTLV-III screening] test is going to be available in six to eight months, we've got to be ready to make a decision when the test becomes available," said Allen, "and so we need to debate it now... We need to look at the ethical and practical considerations. I feel comfortable that the issue is raised and is being discussed and the information after the discussion will get disseminated. Health officials need to hear debate on the pros and cons."

The memo, dated July 20 and co-authored by James Curran, the director of CDC AIDS activity, and Allen, the assistant to the director for blood and transfusion studies, says, in part:

"A set of recommendations is being developed by CDC for consideration by state and local health departments and the blood banking community regarding actions related to transfusion-associated AIDS. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions concerning the following questions:

1. What actions are or should be taken when a person, who has given blood since 1978, is a) diagnosed with AIDS, b) develops symptoms which indicate lymphadenopathy syndrome (LAS), or c) has a positive antibody test (HTLV III-LAV)? Who should be informed of this diagnostic or screening event? How should the recipients or their physicians be notified, and by whom? What

mechanism should be in place to rapidly identify and remove all remaining suspect blood or blood products from the blood supply system?

"2. Should the question of prior donations be pursued by health department and the blood banking community if a person with AIDS, LAS or a positive antibody test (HTLV III-LAV), denies donating blood since 1978? If so, how?

"3. What steps should be taken to establish a donor deferral system? How can this be accomplished and maintain the right to privacy of persons with an AIDS-related disorder or persons who are asymptomatic but antibody positive? Should such a donor deferral system be interstate? Can this be accomplished?

"There may be several ways to address the donor deferral issue. For example, a General Deferral Registry might be used, which lists donors to be deferred because of selected medical conditions, without identifying those conditions on the list..."

Neil Seham, president of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, responded to the memo in a letter to CDC director James O. Mason, saying, in part, "The risks of a national list of people positive for antibody to HTLV III/LAV are tremendous. If the list follows the same characteristics as the people with AIDS, then the list will be a national list of gay and bisexual men and IV drug users. since homosexuality is still illegal in over 20 states, and IV-drug use presumably in all states, the potential of that list falling into police hands is tremendous. If such a list were to exist, gay men would undoubtedly refuse to participate in any studies about AIDS, so we would needlessly delay a better understanding of that disease. Physicians who understood these concerns would be reluctant to order the tests for patients even if appropriate."

Jeff Levi, of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), told *GCN*, "Curran knew we were concerned

about that. There had been a whole series of meetings. I got angry because we were not consulted and also because when the CDC puts out something like that they're framing a discussion. [There are] a lot of implicit assumptions, one of which is [that the antibody] positive test is a reportable disease. It's not a disease, it merely means you have the antibodies."

Stephen Ansolobehere, a co-operating attorney for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) in Boston, told *GCN*, "I haven't made up my mind but I'm alarmed at the idea of a master list."

When the HTLV-III screen becomes available, each pint of blood donated will be screened for the presence of the HTLV-III antibody. Presence of the antibody will result in the donation being rejected and the donor will be notified. Such a donor would also be permanently deferred, that is, not allowed to donate again. Although it is not known what the presence of the antibody means to the health of a carrier, blood bank officials believe it could play a part in the transmission of AIDS.

Peter Page, the director of the Northeast Region of the American Red Cross, told *GCN* there have been instances of persons in high risk groups who were asked to defer themselves but who refused. A few of these persons developed AIDS after donating.

Page told *GCN* there is a precedent for a national list within the American Red Cross which currently maintains a master list of persons deferred because they have hepatitis or have said they have abused intravenous drugs.

In the Boston area, discussion concerning the memo has begun. Included in the discussion are state and local health officials as well as representatives of the Boston AIDS Action Committee (AAC). A response to the memo will be formulated by the Mayor's Task Force on AIDS.

Page told *GCN*, "First of all, the test isn't even available yet. We

don't know if HTLV-III testing will improve the safety of the blood supply. The feeling at the National Red Cross is that it is not appropriate to include donors who are HTLV-III positive on a national listing until we know it will mean something."

Page added that he believes "a truly national registry is logistically impossible" due to the number of private blood banks and hospitals involved. Currently, he said, Red Cross accounts for only half of all the blood collected nationally.

Page also said that when the HTLV-III screen does come out the Red Cross regional chapters will keep their own records of those deferred as they currently do for persons who are deferred for other reasons. He said there is a federal law which requires that a list be maintained of unsuitable donors and that all donations be checked against such a list.

Ansolobehere explained the legal issues center around individual privacy versus the protection of public health. "Whenever

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Gays of Color Meeting Held

BOSTON — Approximately 30 people attended an open meeting on August 22, called by mayoral liaison Ann Maguire "to discuss issues of concern to the lesbians and gay men of the Asian, Black, Hispanic and Latino communities."

A four-person panel, including Maguire, Fair Housing Commission representative Les Perez, Human Rights Ordinance committee representative Holly Ladd, and Women's Commissioner Alana Murphy sat at the front of a classroom at Roxbury Community College, each describing her or his respective field.

Ladd, who lobbied extensively for the recently-passed Human Rights Ordinance, said preparations are underway for the selection of commissioners to enforce the law. Once the commission is in place, Ladd said, she is confident it will, like the Fair Housing Commission, resolve most of its complaints through "conciliation and mediation."

"I'm optimistic that if we get a good commission and we get a good staff that's enthusiastic and energetic... we

can do some good work," she said.

Les Perez, speaking for the city's Fair Housing Commission, described some of the cases his commission has handled. "We have yet to get a hearing on any cases," Perez noted. "All of our cases have been either conciliated or have gone to the MCAD."

Alana Murphy, Mayor Flynn's Women's Commissioner, said that because the city council has not yet acted on the ordinance creating her commission, she could not say specifically what would be on the commission's agenda. But, she said, "there's a commitment on the part of the mayor and myself that there will be at least 30 percent minorities on the commission and at least one open lesbian."

Maguire said that in her three months as liaison she had begun work on a resource book for city department heads, a legislative package regarding AIDS policy, and had begun organizing a "community/neighborhood resource group" to meet once a month.

— Larry Goldsmith

Chicago Man Charged In Serial Murder Case

By James Jackson

CHICAGO, August 30 — A gay man here who is suspected in dozens of sex-linked serial slayings has been charged with the brutal dismemberment murder of a teenage hustler whose body was cut into eight pieces and thrown in a trash dumpster behind the suspect's apartment.

Larry W. Eyler, 31, who Illinois police compared to mass murderer Wayne Gacy, is being held without bond in Chicago and is a suspect in 22 other slayings in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Already charged with the stabbing murder of a Chicago electrician one year ago, Eyler was free on bond when the dismembered body of 16-year-old Daniel Bridges was found on August 21.

Eyler, a former house painter, was charged with the murder the day after his arrest when investigators found in his apartment blood-stained clothing and newspaper, as well as tools they believe may have been used to dismember the teenager.

Investigated for more than a year by police from more than seven states working to solve more than 50 murders, Eyler is also charged with the savage slaying of Ralph Calise, 28 — just one of at least 34 slayings since 1980 which police say may be "homosexual linked."

Since 1982, this Midwestern murder wave has baffled investigators, shocked gay community members, and left a wake of scarred survivors and "living victims" of the investigations. Some friends and family members

of the murdered men grieved the deaths with bitter words to the media, while others shirked publicity to silently heal. Eyler's former lover described his life now as a "big nightmare."

Most victims were young men from 16 to 28 who disappeared while hitchhiking or hustling on the streets of Chicago or Indianapolis; all but Bridges were unearthed or discovered dumped near main highways linking the two cities.

Victims were stabbed and slashed to death — some wounded dozens of times — mutilated and dismembered almost beyond recognition. "It was as if the killer was trying to murder something other than a man — maybe a demon," said one investigator.

Six bodies were exhumed last year from two makeshift graveyards in northwest Indiana, while 17 other victims were dumped in spots from southern Wisconsin to northern Kentucky.

After his arrest for the Calise murder, Eyler was held for one hundred days under one million dollar bond in an Illinois jail until February 6, when his bond was lowered to \$10,000 after a controversial decision ruled that police obtained damaging evidence illegally.

"It was just a matter of time before Eyler would kill again," Lake County, Illinois Sheriff Robert "Mickey" Babcock said, after Eyler's last arrest. Immediately after Eyler's release sex months ago, he predicted: "Larry Eyler, I think, will kill again. I

don't know if it will take a month or three months but I'm sure he will. I feel he can't stop himself."

Babcock and several other investigators who had interrogated Eyler at various times told the news media that Eyler was a "schizophrenic" "self-hating homosexual" who compulsively "externalized his rage at being homosexual" by engaging in sadistic sex scenarios with young men only to slash and stab them to death afterwards.

"[Eyler]'s a subculture of a subculture," said Babcock. "He's an admitted gay, he admits that, and he's a subculture in that group. because he preys upon them, homosexuals, upon that type of people, and kills them."

"I happen to know absolutely nothing about any of the murders," Eyler told reporters last October. "I am innocent and I can't believe that they could, you know, convict somebody that didn't do it."

Police report that the latest victim knew Wyler and was afraid of him. "Yeah, I knew him [Eyler]," Bridges told the Chicago *Tribune* about four months ago in an interview concerning his life as a young hustler. "He was a real freak. He used to come around Uptown (the north side of Chicago) and hang around."

According to investigators, Bridges was also "very close friends" with Ervin Dwayne Gibson, 16, a Chicago youth whose stabbed body was found near Calise's, 40 miles north of Chicago. —

Eyler, who now refuses to make a statement to the police or the press, contended earlier that he had been victimized by an "unprofessional, overzealous" investigation that spotlighted his homosexuality and was noteworthy for its disorganization and sloppiness. His former attorney also stated police misinterpreted Eyler's practice of "bondage" sex scenarios.

What really caught [investigators'] attention was that Larry was into bondage," said David Schippers, a former attorney in the Calise murder case.

"The coppers give his homosexuality immense weight. I used to think [gays] were exaggerating their claims of discrimination. I have found in this case that it is not overrated," he said.

Sheriff Babcock commented "[Eyler] is a macho type, beer-drinking homosexual who has a hatred for himself because he is homosexual.... He is schizophrenic, split-personality." Babcock noted that Eyler had not undergone psychiatric testing and that "none [was] necessary" to prove his "schizophrenia."

Although recent events have overshadowed Eyler's complaints of police misconduct, the dismissal of illegal evidence last February came when it was learned Indiana police had blatantly violated Eyler's constitutional rights several consecutive times in their investigations.

"The police work of the Indiana investigators and the arrest of Larry Eyler is the worst I have ever

seen," said Schippers, a federal prosecutor-turned-defense attorney. In the last year, police in Indiana and Illinois have announced to the press that Eyler was a suspect in multiple homicides ranging in number from two to 51. Even now, Illinois police claim Eyler is a suspect in one Lexington, Kentucky homicide that police there say is not "that" related.

Lake County Circuit Judge William D. Block, who voided most of the evidence against Eyler, stated in court that he "was not sure [the Indiana investigators] ever had a case, even with all of [their] evidence intact."

But Indiana police say their evidence is extensive, "overwhelming" and — if readmitted to court in the future — certain to bring a conviction. Indiana police began investigating Eyler more than a year ago when a special ten-member inter-agency task force established to probe the homicides received an anonymous tip from a man later discovered to be a former lover of Eyler's.

Using computers and the combined resources of three police departments and FBI laboratories, the task force has amassed thousands of pages of data and testimony, as well as "more than 2000 names" of possibly related individuals, police said.

A former resident of Terre Haute, Indiana, Eyler was tracked through credit card purchases as he drove his car through thousands of miles between In-

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Community Voices

Camp Fraud

Last issue, *GCN* published a full-page ad from Weekend Safaris advertising a gay summer camp in Arcadia National Park. The same ad has appeared in a half dozen other gay newspapers across the country.

GCN has ruefully learned that the ad is fraudulent. No such camp program exists, efforts to contact Weekend Safaris have been unsuccessful, the answering service listed in the ad says they no longer have Weekend Safaris as a client, and payment for the ad will not clear the California bank account from which it is drawn.

The *Bay Area Reporter*, the San Francisco-based paper of the gay and lesbian community, is coordinating a complaint to be filed with the San Francisco Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Unit. *GCN* is participating in this effort and encourages its readers to do so as well. If you have responded to this ad in any way, please contact Gordon Gottlieb at *GCN* so we can include your experience in the complaint.

clearing up misunderstanding

Dear *GCN*:

In an effort to show the non-gay community as well as the gay community how important it is that we stand up for our rights, in February of this year, I filed a discrimination suit against Three Rivers Ambulance Service of Milo, Me. because they conspired to remove me from the roles (by libeling me) simply because I happen to be gay.

I'm now being hassled by my own gay brothers behind my back. So to clear up a few of the misunderstandings and vicious rumors, I'm writing to all of you through this newspaper.

1) No, my lawyer is not ripping us off; I was told in the beginning that this type of suit could take up to a year and maybe more.

2) The \$160 check sent to my defense fund which bounced was soon reimbursed thanks to those who contributed. By the time we realized the check was no good proceedings had already been started which couldn't be retracted. The defense fund was reimbursed.

3) No, I did not buy a car with defense fund money. My parents did, however, buy a '69 Pontiac station wagon for my use.

Please, fellow gay brothers and sisters, we need to pull together in order to develop the strength we need to fight for the rights we too deserve as citizens. We all have suffered enough harassment from society misinformed. Viciousness and fighting within the gay community will only deplete the strength we need in pursuance of our civil rights.

Terry Wallace
Brownville, ME

distorted coverage

Dear *GCN*,

Jim Ryan's coverage of the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights in San Francisco seems to have been distorted by his own personal political agenda. Nothing in the March's literature or in the words of its spokespeople bears out Ryan's statement, made on the front page of your July 28 issue, that the March addressed its demands to the Democratic Convention. On the contrary: from the first days of organizing the March, everyone involved agreed that we were taking advantage of the attention focussed on the Convention to appeal over the delegates' heads, to the people of the United States.

True, Ginny Apuzzo's speech did fit in with Ryan's interpretation. But he was very selective in the speeches he chose to notice. He ignored Flo Kennedy's speech, for instance, which was far more militant and got a far livelier reception from the crowd than Apuzzo's. He ignored Cesar Chavez, too. He seems to have done his best to present a politically and ethnically diverse event as an all-white, pro-Democratic Party rally.

I don't expect *GCN* always to push my politics. I understand that Jim Ryan has as much right to write for you as anyone else. But his article is unfair to a hundred thousand lesbian and gay people who marched to project a message, only to find that *GCN* was printing Ryan's message, not theirs. There is a difference between news and advocacy, and I hope *GCN* can do better in making the distinction clear to its writers.

Yours for lesbian/gay freedom,
Peter Drucker
San Francisco

thanks

Dear *GCN*:

On July 28, Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth celebrated its fourth anniversary. Our thanks go out to Robin MacCormack and the staff at Buddies for providing an anniversary party with all the trimmings. BAGLY would like to extend its deepest gratitude and thanks to Robin and the staff for its continued support.

Sincerely,
Stephen Hill
Publicity Director, BAGLY
and all of BAGLY

vote no to war

Dear *GCN*,

We are writing to you on behalf of the gay and lesbian outreach committee of the "Vote No To War, Build Peace and Justice in '84 coalition. "Vote No To War..." is a local coalition of disarmament, anti-intervention and human needs activists organized to create a public presence to demonstrate a clear connection between nuclear weapons, U.S. intervention and the failure of the government to provide for people's basic human needs.

As a way to build for greater voter participation, as well as to ensure that no matter who is elected, that person will be accountable to a larger and more unified peace movement, the coalition is planning a legal march and rally to take place on Saturday, *September 22*, on the Boston Common. There is a strong commitment on the part of the coalition to recognize the oppressive policies of the Reagan administration that attack the rights of gays and lesbians, people of color and women, and to oppose those policies as we oppose all forms of militarism.

As lesbians and gay men in the peace movement we are all too aware of the equal consistency with which we have, on the one hand, played a key role in social justice movements and, on the other hand, have been silenced, ignored and wished to "go away." As the enclosed "call to action" demonstrates, the Sept. 22 coalition is a comprehensive effort to address the special importance of this election year, as well as to affirm the ongoing struggles for sexual and political freedom that are not bound to the election or defeat of a particular president. While our pride and visibility has been increasing over the last few years, it is critical that we continue to mobilize and to show our strength and solidarity with one another and other peace activists.

More than ever, it is time for gay men and lesbians to come forward with a multi-issue strategy which can insure that we are neither ignored within the peace movement nor isolated within the movement for lesbian and gay civil rights. The enclosed card suggests a few ways in which your organization can help to make Sept. 22 a success. We hope that you will join with us by becoming either a sponsor or endorser. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bonnie at 354-0008.

For Peace with Justice,
Bonnie Hauser
Loie Hayes
David Scondras
Cambridge, MA

my radical lifestyle: sobriety

Dear *GCN*:

As a recovering gay alcoholic, a nephew and a grandson (both sides) of alcoholic family members who perished from the disease, I gave Janice Irvine's personal essay (*GCN*, Aug. 11), "Secrets of Fear, Shame and Love" a very special reading. In my heart, I found her sharing reached me as deeply-felt, open and evocative. I'd give her an appreciative hug if she would care to accept it and were here.

I concur with her in most of her ideatic disagreements with AA and AA-based groups. Nonetheless, I keep participating regularly in both AA and Al-Anon (despite my own cognitive dissonance) because as my daily sobriety extends into years, I feel increasingly comfortable in the company of those who are winning in the long, long run, about which I have but a glimpse. I know that I've suffered, and I see that I've given too much suffering, to do less now that something has precipitated my most radical new lifestyle: sobriety.

As for hope, I've been hoping someone like essayist Lewis Thomas (*The Medusa and the Snail*), though a medical man, will take an intimate new look at the little yeast plant itself, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Why? Because...

The pedigree of alcohol
Does not concern the yeast.
A grape skin, anytime, to him
Can be a feast

And, who knows, perhaps eventually genetic engineers can redesign and change yeast, so that it makes a product less befuddling and lethal to some than present-day alcohol. I may not be around when that happens, but I hope to have died sober.

Stephen Hunt
Chicago, IL

swingshift goes to nicaragua

Dear *GCN*:

We would like to inform you and your readers that Swingshift, a five-piece all-woman Bay Area jazz band, is about to embark on a two-week tour of Nicaragua. We will be performing in a variety of settings — theaters, schools, cultural centers, markets and fields. We have an a cappella repertoire, as well as an instrumental set that includes jazz standards, topical original tunes with incisive lyrics and stunning vocals. We are able to perform with or without electrical amplification.

Swingshift has performed extensively in the women's and gay communities of California, the Midwest and Northwest, doing benefits for a variety of political causes. As lesbians and leftists, we have not had access to large funding sources. We are proud to say that we have raised our transportation expenses to Nicaragua by receiving donations from the communities we have served. However, we are committed to bringing with us a small sound system and electric keyboard (piano/synthesizer) that we can donate to Nicaraguan cultural workers at the end of our tour. We ask your support in raising the \$3000 needed to realize that goal.

In addition, we are interested in bringing examples of gay politics and culture, particularly lesbian and gay participation in the non-intervention movement (buttons, T-shirts, posters, etc.). We would also like to hear about the experiences of other gay visitors who have been "out" in any way in Nicaragua.

Tax-deductible donations may be made out to "San Francisco Women's Centers/Swingshift" and all correspondence should be addressed to: Swingshift, 2138 McKinley, Apt. D, Berkeley, CA 94703.

In solidarity,
Susan Colson
Danielle Dowers
Frieda Feen
Bonnie Lockhart
Naomi Schapiro
Berkeley, CA

non-productive confrontations

Dear *GCN*:

In response to the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee letter of July 7, 1984: "The Klan Is No Joke." I feel that the majority of Americans, whether straight or gay, do not perceive the KKK as a joke, but in this particular situation of the Klan's march through Montrose, the Houston gay and lesbian community along with its straight supporters chose not to stoop to the Klan's inane, hate mongering level and thus, for the many reasons stated by the GPC, chose to boycott the event.

When dealing with this level of homophobia and racist mentality, a confrontation would have been extremely non-productive and thus very detrimental to the cause of raising the consciousness level of all involved. What basic understandings would have been generated with a verbal or physical form of confrontation? The KKK was in hopes that we would show up in great numbers in order to provoke a confrontation, which in turn would be given massive media coverage, thus lending credence to their cause and sympathy from the viewing audience; neither of which came to pass. Few people showed up to watch the 58 Klan men and women march, resulting in minimal media coverage, much to the chagrin of the marchers. Lowering oneself to the same level of hatred accomplishes nothing and is certainly not an admirable trait among any socially and politically conscious group.

You stated in your letter the many atrocities of the KKK, which we are very aware of, but you do not state explicitly what you feel we should have done as a community of gays and lesbians. Do you advocate the use of violence against the Klan marchers? What are your specific ideas in this area? Would our presence at the march have changed any minds regarding the Klan's attitudes toward us? I feel the Klan is very well aware of how we, the gay community, view them without us being used as a catalyst to generate even more hatred and contempt. We are also aware of the Nazi theory of doing nothing, the Greensboro N.C. events and the rise of racism in America; but we are also very realistic in deciding that a boycott was both more effective and productive as an alternative to the given situation. The gay community's other option was the use of verbal and physical confrontation, which has been demonstrated in previous incidents not to change any minds, least of which being that of the Klans. The majority of the community chose to not honor them with our presence and spend their time in more productive ways than feeding into the hatred that was being staged that afternoon.

I feel more can be accomplished through rational dialogue to benefit gays and lesbians on a long term basis than can ever be accomplished through confrontation. The short term, instant gratification of releasing our outrage and frustrations over the philosophy of one group, though gratifying for the moment, is very short lived and does little to strengthen our struggle for human rights and liberation.

Walter S. Light
Houston, TX

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Speaking Out

Dignity/Boston Responds to the Bishops' Statement on Gay Rights

Dignity/Boston wants to express its disappointment and deep sadness that the Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts have found it necessary to issue a statement against the gay rights bill. We believe that in doing so the Bishops have compromised the commitment that, as representatives of Christ, they should demonstrate on all matters of social justice. A statement against the protection against the civil rights of all human beings can only be seen as being in open contradiction with the teachings of the Gospel.

We are heartened by the fact that the Bishops recognize that gays and lesbians suffer from discrimination because of their sexual *orientation*. We are glad that they were able to state their "disapproval" of such "unjust harassment" and call for it to be "stopped." It is confusing, however, that the Bishops saw it necessary to make a distinction between "unjust discrimination" and just discrimination or "limitations on our rights." We certainly do not understand the logic of such a difference. We ask the Bishops to examine this issue. Can they state in good conscience that this argument is not contradictory? As Catholics, as believers in a Christ who spoke against oppression, hatred and injustice, we need to disagree with the Bishops, for there is no such thing as "just discrimination." We believe that discrimination is *always* unChristian and that it is *always* morally wrong. We believe that if we are to live the teachings of the Gospel we need to *affirm*, and not deny, the inherent dignity of *all* human beings — a dignity that God gained for *all* of us with his own Humanity.

We agree with the Bishops that we need "education and a change of heart" in order to

dispel discrimination. We wonder, however, what kind of education and consciousness raising are they talking about? It is obvious that whatever the Catholic Church as an institution and all other good-willed individuals have done in the past to eradicate the evil of injustice and discrimination against gays and lesbians has not worked. Misinformation continues to be spread, ignorance is ever-present and hostility and hatred are rampant. Thus, education is failing. And when education and good will fail, we believe, laws are not only necessary but morally mandated. We know what happened to our Jewish brothers and sisters who waited for the Catholic Church to educate their persecutors. We know that our Black brothers and sisters would still be waiting for their just liberation if they would have relied only on our good will.

"Speaking Out" is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. Submissions to "Speaking Out" should be TYPED and DOUBLE SPACED, and, if possible, held to under 5 pages in length. The opinions expressed in "Speaking Out" do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Write c/o Speaking Out, GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111

Community Voices

time for a change

Dear GCN:

It seems the S.F. cops consider vile and violent sexism to be harmless fun.

They hoot, holler and hold up numbered cards to "rate" female Democratic Party Convention delegates, while Mayor Feinstein says, "They were just bored." And in their unprovoked, bloodthirsty attacks on anti-rightwing demonstrators, the cops particularly relished beating women protestors, choking one unconscious.

The cops pretend to be neutral protectors of the city and of free speech. But they use the media to divide "respectable," pro-Democratic Party demonstrations from "unrespectable" demonstrations against the Moral Majority, the KKK and the huge corporations — the first step toward suppressing *all* demonstrations. They enforce their views with clubs.

These are Democratic Mayor Feinstein's cops. Their bigoted, repressive behavior proves that the Democratic Party cares no more about human rights than the Republicans.

It's time for a change, time to build an independent political party that will represent all those victims of the two major parties owned by the wealthy, including women, Blacks, Asians, Latinos, American Indians, gays, labor, the elderly and the disabled. If the disenfranchised majority gets together, we can build a spectacular, truly democratic and representative alternative to the Democratic and Republican charade.

Constance Scott
National Organizer
Radical Women
San Francisco, CA

a new approach

Dear GCN,

I am getting ready for the streets in 8 to 9 months, probably a halfway house in 3 months. Gays also contend with many problems adjusting in halfway houses due to the rules and treatment that supposedly was made for straights only. Why the government claims no discrimination is beyond anyone's belief.

I think the prison legal services and even personal attorneys of gay prisoners should bring up to the parole board the added pressures and harsh treatment in being gay in prison. 80 percent of most gay prisoners are paranoid to extreme by the time they do a certain amount of time.

A new approach to parole and release of gay prisoners should be added in state and federal prisons with the needed counseling by gay representatives from the community, help in establishing housing, jobs and counseling.

A meeting of local gays with prisoners each week could help everyone to adjust and live out parole out there instead of in here.

Anyone who wants some help in the area of parole and sentencing, as well as administrative remedies, both state and federal, could write: National Legal Services, Ms. Marcia Shein, Sentencing and Parole Consultant, 710 Lakeview Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. (1-800-241-0095)

They also put out a newsletter on updated state and federal cases.

Also the women in federal institutions have won a court battle in a civil action by forcing the government to open a camp for women as they only had them for males. The camps allow furloughs and passes and community work release which have been denied to women for the past 30 to 40 years.

I'll close for now and go back to my ever continuing work against the government.

In gay pride, love and peace,

John Gibbs
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Pleasanton, CA 94568

kelly is no ally

Dear GCN,

This letter is in response to Jean McCray's letter in a recent issue. We also read Larry Goldsmith's article, "The Education of Councillor Kelly." Larry is not very trusting of Kelly and rightly so.

We think the Gay Community is making a huge mistake by seeing Kelly as an ally just because he voted for the Human Rights Ordinance. We seem to have forgotten who our real friends are. Kelly has *not* reformed.

McCray says in her letter that she suspected that Kelly was being supportive of us because he is a savvy politician who has realized that his district includes a large gay male population. Who are these gay males? They are the gentrifiers who have pushed out Blacks and other minorities and they are largely landlords. So, in many ways, these gays and Kelly are allies — they support the landlord class!

McCray says, "I don't know what Jimmy Kelly's motives are and I don't really care." Well, she'd better start caring; Kelly hasn't changed on his dislike of gays or his racism. He only likes VOTES! He doesn't really support Gays. Where was he when there was the rash of killing and queer-bashing of gay men in 1980? Where was he when we marched for Gay Pride? Where was he when GCN burned? Certainly not with us!

Kelly is still racist. Last March he called the NAACP "racist." Recently, when the vote in City Council came up to divest Boston's interest in South Africa, the world's most brutal and racist regime, Kelly voted NO. We see his "NO" vote as a vote FOR racism and the support of apartheid. Does *that* look like reform of racism???

We are not convinced of Kelly's "education" or change of heart. We must not believe anything he says. Would you have believed Hitler if he said he changed his views on Gays and Jews?

At the end of Larry's article, he asks, "What does it say for the progress of a Lesbian and Gay movement when its highest stated priority suddenly becomes acceptable even to Jimmy Kelly?" We say it is a *very* sorry priority of ours. We're really in bad shape and we've totally lost our liberationist views in our quest for "respectability." What's next? The Closet?? Or, once again, becoming real faggots around another burning stake? Wake up, Community! Remember our butch dykes and femme queans. Remember Stonewall! Jimmy Kelly isn't out there for them. And he isn't there for you, either, if he finds his "support" of us endangering to *his* political career. Queers are expendable.

For Liberation!
Rebecca Gorlin
Linda Gwizdak
Boston

timely acknowledgement

(GCN received a copy of this letter from New York Times News Editor Allan Siegel to Carl Morse who protested the Times' story on Charles Howard's murder in Bangor, Maine.—Ed.)

Dear Mr. Morse,

A.M. Rosenthal has passed me your letter. You are entirely correct. The article, as written by United Press International and edited by *The Times*, appeared to make excuses for the harassment of Charles Howard.

It should not have happened. I am making the point to the editors involved.

Sincerely,
Allan M. Siegel

we must remember the past

Dear GCN:

Thirty-nine years ago today (August 6), at 8:15 a.m., the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan; three days later another bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. 130,000 people died in these two cities in August, 1945, alone. Today I choose to fast and wear a white armband (white is the color of mourning in Japan). These seemingly small acts keep me in mind of the significance of this day.

As fasting heightens my awareness of my body, I remember those whose bodies have been taken from them. I feel profoundly connected to the spirits of those who were instantly vaporized. Thousands of human bodies vanished, and we have only the shadows that were left to remember them by. These people can not speak any longer, so I must try to communicate for them. My hope is that the white cloth on my arm that says "Hiroshima, Never Again" will force those who see it to acknowledge what happened on August 6, 1945, and to recognize how close we are today to nuclear holocaust.

When I visited Dachau 2 years ago, the strongest message I received was the necessity for us to remember our past. I believe this to be a critical first step in insuring that we not repeat our tragic mistakes. It horrifies me that there is so little available information on this subject in our libraries and schools. It horrifies me to continue to hear people stating that we used nuclear weapons in Japan to end the war. It horrifies me to observe how desperately Americans do not want to remember.

We are all responsible for the fact that Pershing 11 and cruise missiles are being deployed by the United States in Europe, that our government is intervening daily in the lives of the people of Central America, that each day Americans die of hunger on the streets of our cities in this, the land of plenty. We will all be responsible if Ronald Reagan is re-elected in November. I ask each of you to remember, and to act. We must create a world where there can be no more Hiroshimas.

Nancy Alach
Cambridge, MA

AIDS Resource List

AIDS Action Committee — 16 Haviland Street, Boston, MA 02115, 267-7573

Education and support group for people with AIDS, their families, lovers, friends and health care providers. Provides speakers, conducts forums, rap groups, hospice-trained volunteers, hotline information and referrals. Associated with the Fenway Community Health Center.

AIDS Action Line — 536-7733

AIDS Action Committee service, information, referrals and befriending about AIDS. Trained volunteers.

AIDS Benefit Review Committee (267-7573) or (725-4849)

Joint subcommittee of Mayor's Committee on AIDS and AIDS Action Committee to coordinate AIDS fundraisers, monitor process and review results. All groups of individuals planning AIDS fundraisers are encouraged to coordinate their efforts with the subcommittee.

AIDS Hotline — (424-5916)

The Community Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program of the City of Boston. Staff of public health nurses answer questions about AIDS, make referrals. Collects city-wide data from hospitals on AIDS cases, forwards data to Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, officially determines number of cases probable and under investigation.

Fenway Community Health Center 16 Haviland Street, Boston, MA 02115 (267-7573)

Hotline information, medical work-ups, diagnosis, referrals, counseling. A gay sensitive health care facility. Participates in research efforts.

Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111 (542-5118)

Gay and Lesbian Hotline — 6:00 pm to midnight, M-F (426-9371)

Provides information on AIDS, makes referrals. Associated with Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services.

Haitian Committee on AIDS in Massachusetts — 117 Harvard Street, Dorchester, MA 02124 (436-2808)

Provides information, referrals, support and emergency assistance to Haitians with AIDS and their families.

Mayor's Committee on AIDS — Room 608, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201 (725-4849)

Coordinates efforts of federal, state, and city health agencies, produces educational material, collects data on cases, reviews policy. Umbrella organization. Media outlet. Conducts forums and provides speakers, distributes AIDS brochures, referrals.

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Political Alliance Backs Candidates

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — About 45 members of the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance met on August 13 to vote on the group's endorsements for this fall's statewide elections.

In the races for state representative, Alliance members voted to make no endorsement in the Third Suffolk District. This year's contest in that district pits incumbent Rep. Sal DiMasi (D-North End), a supporter of statewide lesbian and gay rights legislation, against Sal Tecce, a North End restaurateur and community activist who has garnered the endorsements of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and the Black Political Task Force. Opposition to the endorsement of DiMasi stressed that although he supported gay rights, he also supported the death penalty and opposed abortion rights.

Ann Maguire, Mayoral Liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Community and former vice-chairperson of the Alliance, urged the group to endorse DiMasi.

"One of the things the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus did was to never not endorse someone who had taken the heat and been there," Maguire said.

But Jeane Neville, an Alliance member and activist with the Mental Patients Liberation Front, disagreed. "This seems to be an issue that is often before this group," Neville observed. "Are we just for gay rights or are we for justice? ... I'm not satisfied with just having anti-discrimination for gay men and lesbians."

Sixteen people voted to endorse DiMasi on the first ballot, with 14

for Tecce and 13 for no endorsement; neither candidate received the two-thirds majority required for the group's endorsement.

Incumbent Reps. Thomas Valley (D-Back Bay), Byron Rushing (D-South End) and Thomas Gallagher (D-Allston), all strong supporters of the lesbian and gay rights bill, easily won the group's endorsement. The Alliance also endorsed Rep. Eleanor Myerson (D-Brookline) and John McDonough, a liberal candidate for the seat now held by Rep. James Craven, Jr. (D-Jamaica Plain). Rep. Royal Bolling, Jr. (D-Boston), who supplied generally favorable answers to the Alliance's questionnaire, asked the group not to endorse him publicly.

On the senate side, Alliance members endorsed Mark Govoni, a challenger to incumbent state senator Michael LoPresti (D-East Boston). LoPresti, a supporter of the lesbian and gay rights bill who missed a rollcall on the legislation last year, received the Alliance's endorsement two years ago in a controversial process during which critics drew attention to his support for the death penalty.

Incumbent Sens. George Bachrach (D-Watertown) and Royal Bolling, Sr. (D-Boston), both strong supporters of gay rights legislation, also received endorsements, as did David Venator, a longshot candidate for the seat held by incumbent Sen. Joseph Walsh (D-Boston). Walsh earned notoriety last year when he referred to gay men and lesbians on the floor of the Senate as "fags and lesbos."

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but that he fell into the water. Baines and Mabry, however, both said, "We threw him over the railing."

The only references made to Howard's alleged sexual advance toward Baines, which Baines in-

sists precipitated the attack, was vague at best. In Baines' July 8 taped confession, he said, "I had seen one of [the two men] before. He came up to me and put his arm around me. I didn't know what to do, so I ran."

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decision. "We think its an abridgement of the civil rights, the human rights, of not only gay men and lesbians but of all the people in the city. One-tenth of our population is gay. We've got to start facing those facts."

"The people in New Bedford as well as the people in any other city have the intelligence to read something and decide for themselves," Bennet added. "That goes for any situation, including NAMBLA. The Women's Center does not support NAMBLA; we're just too involved with issues of sexual assault. But we feel that anyone who comes in here can read GCN and make their own decisions."

Although the trustees maintained throughout the controversy

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Court for a rehearing before the full eleven-member court, reiterating the points made at the trial and in the Court of Appeals. Rehearings are granted if the court decides that there has been a misstatement of the law or fact or

where a question of exceptional importance is at stake. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, and the Lesbian Rights Project will submit a supporting brief for the rehearing.

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you invade the 'sphere of privacy' you have to measure the good being done versus the harm. It's always arguable. If the Red Cross doesn't want any limit [on protecting the blood supply], then I'm worried."

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Bobbi Campbell

SAN FRANCISCO — AIDS activist Bobbi Campbell died of cryptococcal meningitis at noon on August 15. He was 32.

Campbell had worked tirelessly since his diagnosis of AIDS on October 8, 1981 to educate both the gay community and straight people about the plight of people with AIDS. He made numerous public appearances and delivered countless speeches at conferences, meetings, rallies and governmental hearings — most in the hope that gay people would organize to support themselves and each other during this epidemic.

Campbell and his lover were featured on the cover of *Newsweek* magazine and Campbell became known as the "AIDS poster boy." Campbell's last public appearance was on July 15, just one month before his death, at the National March for Gay and Lesbian Rights. On that day, he told the crowd,

"We are not victims! And there is no need to panic."

About 1000 people gathered on Castro Street on Friday, August 18 to honor Campbell. In an evening of speeches and song organized by his friends and co-workers, Campbell's contributions to his community were remembered and cheered.

Patrick Hagerty of Seattle, said, "He was a geographer and a geologist and a hiker and a mountain climber; he spoke three languages; he was a poet, and a keeper of journals for 15 years. He was a knitter of beautiful sweaters. He was a very brassy gay liberationist and a lousy housekeeper. He was my best friend. Whatever Bobbi Campbell did, he did it all the way. That was his response to AIDS, telling us, 'Get off your butts and do something'."

Bobbi Campbell is survived by his lover, Bobby Hilliard; his parents and his brother.



Murder

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diana and Illinois cities, often cruising in gay bars and picking up hustlers and hitchhikers, according to police.

The evidence suppressed by the February court ruling included a bloody knife, a length of clothesline, and handcuffs police confiscated from Eyler's pick-up truck after stopping him when he and a hitchhiker were seen walking through roadside bushes. At the time, police told reporters they had found a 16-year-old male tied up in the back of his truck, an allegation which some independent and investigative sources deny.

Other evidence against Eyler includes keys to a government office where he once worked, found near the mutilated body of Steven R. Agan, 23, whose remains were discovered September 28, 1982 close to a highway Eyler travels regularly.

"The key opened the door to his former workplace," and "his boss told us...that is the only key not accounted for, that Larry did not turn his key back in when he was fired from that job," said task force detective Sam McPherson. He noted that Agan's body was "gutted, butchered like a deer by about 30 or 40 wounds, some of which went through the body cavity from the inside out.... It was a rage killing, a lot of anger."

Other "rage" killings may include an unidentified dismembered body found in a northwest Indiana makeshift graveyard, as well as the slaying of Derrick Hansen, 18, whose torso was identified by spinal x-rays after police could not find more remains. Detective McPherson speculates that in some homicide the head and hands are missing because the victim's identity could reveal the killer. Stating that he believes that Eyler will be convicted, he notes that the suspect studied library books on "home butchering."

Meanwhile, Chicago investigators continue to build a "mountain" of evidence. They believe that Eyler intended to kidnap Bridges, and through Illinois law is eligible for the death penalty because prosecutors believe the murder occurred in the commission of the attempted kidnapping.

Police claim that Eyler fatally stabbed Bridges in the bedroom of his apartment late in the night of August 18 or the following morning, and that the former house painter painted the wall to cover the blood stains. Police technicians say they have found blood that matches Bridges' blood type splattered beneath a coat of fresh

paint. They also believe a body was dismembered August 19 in Eyler's bath tub.

Confiscated from the apartment were a bloody tee shirt, identified as Bridges', and an awl, and an empty hack saw frame. Police said they found a local store where Eyler allegedly bought the hack saw blade.

Investigators have also combed for evidence that might prove Eyler to be sane if an insanity defense is used. Detectives conferred at an all-day meeting recently to try to prove that Eyler is capable of deliberate acts, said an official who asked not to be identified.

In Indiana one individual closely associated with the investigation, who spoke on the condition that he remain unnamed, revealed that "Polaroid fast-developing film paper, you know, for the instamatic or whatever" was found "around some of the crime sites, but not all of them," implying that the killer may have photographed some of his victims.

If so, the killer is not the only one with nothing but a snapshot by which to remember the dead men. For survivors like Arthur Bartlett of Indianapolis, and his sister Carol of Chicago, family and vacation snapshots of their little brother John are the most important things they have with which to remember him; it was one such picture that led to their discovery of his death, months after he disappeared from his home in Chicago.

John D. Bartlett was fatally stabbed at the age of 19 sometime last winter. He was 6'2", a 200-pound basketball player and honorably-discharged serviceman who lost his life while hitchhiking out of Chicago. Since early March, his body lay in a crude grave beside three other murdered men in an abandoned Lake Village, Indiana, farm lot. For two months, he remained unidentified, known only as Victim Two to reporters and police.

Arthur and Carol Bartlett began a futile search of Uptown Chicago, showing his last summer vacation photos to friends, bartenders and waitresses. But they would not know his whereabouts until much later, when Newton County Coroner Dr. David Dennis took a few extra minutes before work to check Victim Two's x-rays against another missing person dental record: John's.

"There is no reasonable way to rationalize it with yourself. With a war, you can; fighting for a cause, an accident you can. There are all kinds of ways a person dies. This is one of the worst ways," Arthur Bartlett told a reporter at Christ-

mastime last year.

Now that Eyler is charged with a second murder, victims like Arthur, his sister, and Eyler's lover and family await the outcome of the on-going investigations. The brother of one of the victims said recently: "I hope [police] keep him. I want him to get what's coming to him." And so the survivors wait, hoping to see the end of this two-year story of horrors and tragedy, but fearing perhaps that more is still to come.

Meanwhile, police announced that more blood has been found in Eyler's apartment — blood that was not Danny Bridges'.



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Boyhood Remembered Mania for That Man

By Freddie Greenfield

Frig around much? I have, especially when I was young. Yacoubian called me into Doherty's. Doherty the cop, his house; only he wasn't a cop anymore; drinking. The second time I went there alone. No Yacoubian had to call me. I'd have Doherty to myself. Doherty was drunk the first time when Yacoubian was there so I really hadn't frigged around. About all I did was let Doherty take my pants down with me just laying back on the bed.

into his bedroom, naked except for his socks and garters. He'd give me my dollar for the day — we never mentioned anything about money. A vanilla frappe with two scoops of ice cream cost 15¢.

Doherty had problems I didn't know about, I'm sure. Saturdays, as a rule, Doherty'd go on a drunk. A half a block away on 5th street was The Old Timers, a bar and grille. That's where Doherty did his drinking. I'd be hanging around near The Old Timers and

was to nod a pleasant hello but I got literally a cold shoulder for the effort, sort of like Doherty's daughter couldn't acknowledge my mere existence.

Alright, so here it was at least five years I was seeing Doherty practically every day. Then suddenly, a division — "out of the clear blue," like they say. Doherty was gone — moved from Chestnut Street — and I, I was genuinely perturbed, stymied. Where the frig was he, Doherty?

When he said "they all do," it was a momentous occasion for me. It made me inwardly reflective, excited with the possibility that as I was growing, I'd find more and more people doing friggen around like I did.

After that first time my mind got stuck on Doherty. Doherty, I had to see Doherty again. You could call it what they call...a mania. Of course I didn't know the word for it then but that was the word for it. I have to laugh how years later a health official said I was a manic depressive. Didn't find me admitting I didn't know what it meant, but the minute I saw a dictionary, there it was, and interrelated to mania. It was true that when I wasn't seeing Doherty, my depressive state would set in.

I'd mostly been oral until I met Doherty, then he started putting it between my legs. Alright, now I'm smart enough to know Doherty was feeling me out, trying to see how far I'd let him go, whispering in my ear, "once it's in there, it doesn't hurt." Oh yes, and Doherty's words telling me to swallow the stuff instead of getting up when we finished and running to the toilet and spitting in the bowl. Doherty told me "they all do" as though we weren't the only ones in the world doing what we did. Of course I knew better than that, but my imagination wouldn't admit it, like I wanted it to remain a mysterious event. What's that French expression? *Entre nous*, Doherty and I.

To get back to when Doherty told me "they all do" about swallowing it. "Gism," that's what it was called. Did I ever like that word, hearing it or even seeing it in print. Anyway, that's beside the point. The point is, when he said "they all do," it was a momentous occasion for me. It made me inwardly reflective, excited with the possibility that as I was growing, I'd find more and more people doing friggen around like I did.

Peculiar about Yacoubian, sexless, disinterested; yet Yacoubian was the one who procured me for Doherty's pleasure. That it turned into mutual pleasure could be termed something else. Flippy to think almost like a marriage broker, Yacoubian was. Had Yacoubian made overtures toward me — amorous ones, I believe they're called — I'd a been open to friggen around with him, although, as far as I'm concerned, nobody could replace Doherty. Love? Truth is I hate that word, though looking back from today, what else could it have been, what I had for Doherty.

A vanilla frappe frig. A boy joy, ice cream pushover. "Two scoops," I'd tell the soda fountain jerk. A lot of times after leaving Doherty's house, having been frigged, I'd go to Tony's for my daily vanilla frappe, spending part of the dollar Doherty'd give me. Sort of his routine once we put our clothes on. Doherty wore garters to hold up his socks and we'd go

Yacoubian would call me in, telling me to take Doherty home. It was done so matter of factly, as though I was the only one had any control over Doherty.

Doherty had a wife, and a daughter about my age, and in all the years I was seeing Doherty, as far as I know they didn't exchange a word between them. See them sitting in the kitchen when I came in the back way — the back way because the fellows I'd go with to Williams Junior High School met on that corner. Doherty lived on the first floor and his living room abutted that corner. Doherty'd be sitting in his chair by the window reading the newspaper. If he pulled the shades down it was my signal to come in through the alley; he'd be by the door opening to the kitchen. Anyway, the mother and daughter — sitting at the table, heads bent staring at nothing I could see — wouldn't even so much as look at me. If I used the toilet after we finished friggen, they'd see me in my underwear. Doherty kept the living room and bedroom locked when we did it.

Yes, Doherty had his problems.

By this time I was making good money shining shoes and going on errands to the delicatessen for the poker players at Levine's Russian Bath on Poplar Street. Yes, and experimenting quite a bit, meeting people like myself "that all did." Little by little I had started friggen around thanks to Doherty giving me the hint "they all do" — know what I mean? — Swallowing it.

My work schedule at Levine's was Saturday 12 noon, ending Sunday 12 noon, sleeping overnight in an old barber chair. About 10 or 11 o'clock my shoes would be shined, the delicatessen shut. I'd go in the hot room, then take a shower, wrap myself in a sheet and try and get some sleep. Right away, soon's I shut my eyes: Doherty. I went through it, two weeks, not being about to sleep: Doherty. Come to find out, bumping into Yacoubian, Doherty had told Yacoubian not to forget to tell me where he had moved. Although it's hazy now — friggen ages ago — maybe it wasn't Yacoubian told me where Doherty had moved; it could have been Doherty himself told me.

Love? Truth is I hate that word, though looking back from today, what else could it have been, what I had for Doherty.

Suddenly it seems a couple of years went by and I didn't see the mother and daughter anymore. Doherty took in boarders in what must have been the mother and daughter's room — a handsome blonde man with a moustache and a woman, black hair, slinky, the type I then considered had loose mores — I took one look at them and I knew they weren't really married. I remember thinking if it wasn't for the woman being there, I'd invariably get to frig around with that blonde man. I was coming in the front door now, ringing the bell, and there'd be Yacoubian, the blonde man, the woman and Doherty laughing and joking, sitting on the bed in the rented room, a bottle of whiskey on a dresser. I was never in on what was so funny. As far as I know Yacoubian was the only one of them didn't drink. Of course when I'd come, me and Doherty's leave them and go to the living room and from the living room to the bedroom. Doherty wasn't locking the door anymore because the mother and daughter weren't around. The possibility didn't enter my mind that my presence in Doherty's house caused a split. When I was almost 16, I recall seeing the daughter working as a checker in a supermarket. My first inclination

Anyway, so what I'd do, from Levine's Russian Bath at 11 o'clock, I'd hop a trolley to Doherty's new place, small. Seems the only piece of furniture from Doherty's other place was his double bed and I was familiar with that bed as much as I was with Doherty himself. Call it a mania where I couldn't imagine being on a bed with Doherty if it wasn't on that particular bed — a big wooden mahogany double. Show you what kind of a mania I had with Doherty, Doherty's bed and friggen around, it didn't even enter my mind to wonder or to ask Doherty what happened to the rest of his furniture. I never cared. I'd arrive back at Levine's about one thirty in the morning and the next day, a few hours after work, back to Doherty's. But now it wasn't a steady everyday affair because of the distance, and a lot of times I'd go there he wasn't in. It wasn't like Doherty's old place, my neighborhood where if Doherty wasn't in, I'd know he'd be in The Old Timers sopping it up.

So what's the point? Point's all this happened friggen 40 years ago and I still got it worst than ever for Doherty as far as I'm concerned the whole world can go frig itself.

Fairie at the Men's Conference

By Read Weaver

Gay men are so great. We're not bad on our own (sometimes), but when we're being gay together around straight men we really shine. And when we get the chance to see ourselves next to supposedly-groovy straight men, it's wonderful to realize how good we are together: There but for the grace of something (us, I suppose) go we.

This Ninth National Conference on Men and Masculinity (June 29 to July 3, Washington, D.C.) was my third in five years. It sometimes seems odd that I keep going back; groovy straight men are not my favorite creatures, and that's certainly what the men's movement is supposed to be about. I *did* have some misgivings about going to this one — I'd heard particularly distressing things from last year's, in Ann Arbor, Mich.; I finally went because a dear friend was going to be in D.C. at the same time.

Perhaps I should explain about groovy straight men. Actually, you probably know who I'm talking about; there *are* a certain

number of them out there, and they make themselves visible. They carry signs like "Men for Choice" and "Straight People for Gay Rights." This is all okay, of course, but having carried their signs they believe they've done all the work they have to do; they typically become angry at the suggestion that they take any more responsibility for their straight or male privilege. "It's not *my* fault" is their rallying cry. And they are, in their own feeling-their-feelings way, *relentlessly* butch. It is just amazing, as an example, how much room a straight man takes up compared to a gay man. Speaking to one person, addressing a group, standing on an escalator, dancing, they cry out *I am a man!*

(And, just so I don't get letters from every woman and gay man with a straight male friend, there *are* exceptions. At the '81 conference, several straight men proposed a resolution, "We as straight men want to express our support for our faggot brothers..." and it

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In Memorium Bobbi Campbell 1952-1984

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- We need funding for massive educational campaigns about AIDS — to teach populations at risk how to reduce risk, to teach health care workers how to care for people with AIDS and the "worried well," and to teach the general public not to discriminate against people with AIDS.
- We need a strong research focus on *cure* for those who already have the disease, as well as screening and prevention for those who do not.
- We need the government to fund more research proposals, some of which are currently going begging, and not just allow one promising line of scientific inquiry.
- We need an end to social discrimination in housing, employment, health care, and public accommodation, and an enforcement of laws against discrimination against the handicapped.
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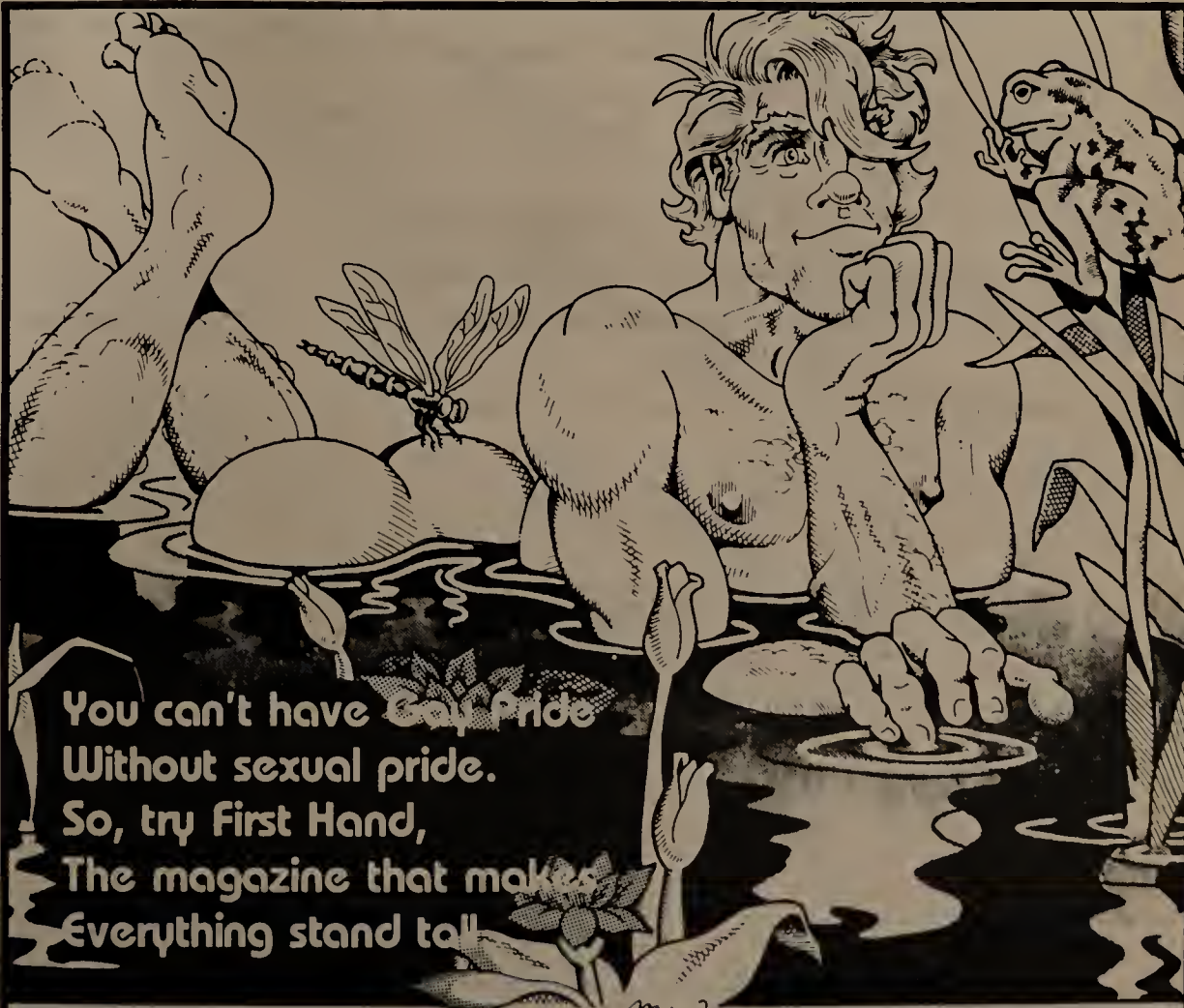
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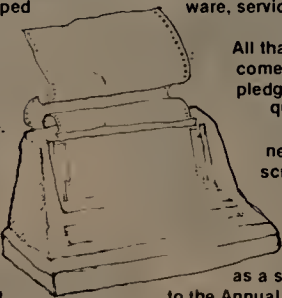
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Fairies and Men

went on to talk about gay oppression and straight privilege. I was really impressed by it. When it was proposed, however, the man writing things down wrote "Gay men and straight men should support each other in our struggles," etc. It just seemed *too* typical. [It did get changed back.])

Groovy straight men, as I say, are what the men's movement, and especially men's conferences, are presented as being about; certainly one would have thought so attending the planned events at this year's, or listening to the Leaders. One could hardly conclude anything else reading *Newsweek's* coverage of it. This year's was even somewhat worse than my previous two in its unceasing heterosexuality.

Actually, my first day there I thought that might not be the case. Men's Conferences have opened with a keynote speech, usually given by one straight man and one gay man. This year's was listed as

happened upon one another and more would show up. The feeling of together-ness that formed for many of us during the weekend was very strong, empowering. I wasn't aware of any other group there so excited about each other.

I think we were very noticeable at the conference, partly because some of us were in dresses or skirts, but mostly because we were a *presence*. That excitement about coming together is very powerful, and I think others felt it in us. It was that together-ness, that sense of community, that I saw in the radical faggots at the Milwaukee Conference in 1979; seeing that then was a tremendously important event in my life.

Still, I ask myself and others, Why do this at Men's Conferences? Why put ourselves in a position of having to explain ourselves, defend our decision to be with other gay men, to straight men?

The best answer I've come up

without sexual justice: without an end to men's oppression of women, how can we know what sexual freedom between men and women even looks like? Bob Brannon cautioned that the men's movement, if it is to be opposed to pornography, must take pains to not be seen as anti-sex. Kate Ellis questioned any easy, one-to-one tie between the pornography that a person sees, the image that forms in that person's mind, and the acts that follow. Audience discussion followed, and I was again impressed with the tone of that discussion. When disagreements were voiced, there was less effort put into winning the argument and more into honest questioning.

Altogether, with thirty or so people speaking, no one said anti-porn activists were pro-censorship, no one said sexual liberationists were rapists, only one person accused a tie between anti-porn analysis and the right wing, and only one person insinuated

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Jonathan Katz (*Gay American History, Lesbian/Gay Almanac*) on "The Invention of Heterosexuality." It sounded like a good, other-than-heterosexist talk, and Katz, who is pretty well known as a gay historian, was listed as the only keynote speaker. I was prepared to think the organizers were getting their stuff together around heterosexism. Jonathan Katz gave a very good talk, but he was preceded by six straight men. Someone must have decided, "We mustn't let anyone think this conference is *too* gay," that the Katz talk needed an antidote, an injection of straight men.

Katz's talk covered the creation of the social category of "heterosexual" beginning in 1892 and continuing through 1982. One of the stages he delineates is "Heterosexual Hegemony: 1940-1965." His example is *Tea and Sympathy*, in which a gentle young man is falsely accused of being queer, and

with is that there will be gay men there who've never felt that special community with other gay men. Which seems to me a pretty dumb reason to be in the men's movement. "I'm here for the other gay men who are here and shouldn't be." "I'm in the men's movement to tell gay men that they ought to be at a radical fairie gathering." Over and over I hear from gay men that the fairie circles are the best thing about a conference. So why bother with the conference? Let's just go right to the circles.

The other value of these men's conferences for gay men, frustratingly, lies in that self-same homophobic "heterosexual hegemony." Because of it, men who are just starting to come out have an opportunity to be around large numbers of other gay men without having to make that great leap of identifying themselves as gay. The expectation that gay men will be absolutely delighted to spend time

that anti-porn activists were all anti-sex. Those ideas, in one form or another, have formed the greater part of the arguments I've heard about pornography, and no one who says them really believes them. As I say, this was really quite a remarkable discussion.

A high point of men's conferences for several years has been a dance. (In Boston, it happened as an action around queer invisibility.) This year's was again quite wonderful. Actually, any dance that includes "In the Mood" is going to get high marks from me, but lots of people seemed to like it. The Washington *Blade's* coverage of the conference included the following: "A dance attended by several hundred men (three, with beards and wearing dresses)." "That's us!" I shrieked, reading it a few days later.

There were 10 to 20 men of color at the conference, out of around 350 participants. That's about

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the point Katz makes is that the possibilities for heterosexuality (in men) are being expanded: men can cry and not have to worry so much about getting called queer.

Well, you know, that's a large part of what the men's movement has been about for the last six or so years, expanding the possibilities of okay behavior for straight men. Men can hug other men's-movement men and not worry about being thought sexually deviant. Men can cry, and express their feelings, and ask that their needs be met, and only the politically incorrect will look at them and wonder if they're fags. It looks great on the surface; when you look at it closely, it's homophobic as all get-out.

And yet I do keep going. With effort, groovy straight men can be avoided, and the best stuff at these conferences happens outside of the planned events. At the '81 Men's Conference in Boston, local faggots called several fairie circles, and organized a zap at one of the cultural events around our invisibility. It was really pretty wonderful.

This year, the fairies met during time for affinity groups the first evening, and continued to meet throughout the conference; sometimes for dinner or to dress for the dance, often because three fairies

with men who are not gay allows closeted gay men the chance to hang out with those gay men, too. I really cannot emphasize enough how important that has been for how many people — I meet men all the time who came out through gatherings of men in the men's movement. At the same time, the expectation that we really dig straight men becomes oppressive all too easily, a weight upon us as we start to find out about being a faggot with other faggots.

Back to the Ninth National. A great, enormous concert had been planned for the conference. It did not, in fact, materialize. A less grand performance was put together, at the very last minute, with an enormous amount of very good work by its producers. I was in a performers'/producers' meeting shortly before the concert, and I was very impressed at the way those men, straight and gay, worked together.

One of the conference's ten major presentations was a panel discussion on pornography. Having heard a great deal of dishonesty and shoddy thinking around the issue in the last few years, I was happily surprised at what I heard here. John Stoltenberg questioned the possibility of (heterosexual) sexual freedom

average for the conferences I've attended. A certain number of people in the men's movement are working at raising issues particular to men who are not white — there is a task force of the national organization on Special Concerns of Ethnic Men of Color — but the men's movement remains overwhelmingly a white and middle-class movement, addressing the concerns of white and middle-class men.

So what am I to conclude? I went to this conference expecting to be quite angry and enormously frustrated, and I had a wonderful time. I felt that I and other gay men there accomplished a lot together. I had a wonderful time, and I feel no less strongly that the men's movement is homophobic, racist and classist. I think gay men there accomplished a lot, and I believe the men's movement would be a lot happier if it didn't have to deal with all those gays. So what am I to conclude? I really don't know. I know I'd rather get together with political, conscious gay men someplace away from straight men, but I also know I get so few opportunities for that I'm not ready to give up this one.

And, as I say, I had a wonderful time.

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September 1 to September 15

1 saturday

Boston — Jazz Women in Boston on WMFO radio featuring Jamie Baum and Janet Grice. 11AM, 91.5 FM. Info: 625-6600 ext. 142.

2 sunday

Provincetown — Bradshaw Smith, New York cabaret singer, through Labor Day; twice nightly at 7PM-9PM at The Cape Inn, 135 Bradford St. Info: 487-9648.

Boston — Mime/Magician Jim Vetter with puppeteer Gifford Booth at Buddies, 733 Boylston St. 8PM. Info: 262-2480.

4 tuesday

Boston — Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee will meet at 59 Temple Pl., Suite 608 at 7PM. Newcomers are invited. All comments and suggestions are welcome. The agenda will include a discussion of the 1985 celebration and Boston's 15th annual celebration. Info: 889-4777.

Cambridge — The Guest Stars, a British, all-women jazz/rock fusion sextet at Jonathan Swift's, 30b J.F. Kennedy St., 9 and 11PM. Info: 661-9887.

Cambridge — 'Everything you always wanted to know about the hotline, but...' Presentation and discussion with Roberta Schwarz of the **Boston Gay and Lesbian Hotline**. 8PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave. Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation requested.

Boston — Opening reception for Colleen Sterling's exhibition: "The Sea Escapes" featuring work in oil, watercolors and glass. 5PM to 7PM, Bromfield Gallery, 36 Newbury St. Info: 262-7782.

5 wednesday

Cambridge — A rap for the Baby-Boom Generation! (b. 1945-1960) 8PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave. Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation requested.

Boston — Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus: endorsements of candidates in the Primary Election and planning for a statewide conference. Info: 262-1565.

Boston — AIDS: Profile of An Epidemic, historic, scientific and personal perspectives including representatives of all the groups at risk. WGBH TV, Channel 2, 9PM.

6 thursday

Boston — Channel 3; "Gay Talk," public access talk show with special guests Christine Harger and Chris Uszler, from the Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry. 9PM on Group W., Channel 3.



Cambridge — A True Story of a Single Mother, a reading by author Nancy Lee Hall. 7:30PM at New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St. Info: 876-5310. All welcome, refreshments will be served.

Cambridge — "Single and Available." Discussion 8PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass Ave, Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation requested.

Boston — Beebo Brinker auditions for actors, musicians, singers, dancers and signers. Casting from scripts for a multi-racial, multi cultural lesbian, gay and feminist cast. 7 to 10PM, Community Church, 565 Boylston St. Info: 367-0810.

Boston — Gay Community News always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

Fenway — Dr. Ken Mayer of the Fenway Community Health Center will discuss AIDS, AIDS related complex (ARC) and HTLV₃ screening at a **community forum presented by the AIDS Action Committee:** at the Morville House, 100 Norway St, Fenway. 7PM. Info: Aids Action Line, 536-7733.

7 friday

Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.

Boston — Beebo Brinker auditions, (See Sept. 6 listing for details.)

8 saturday

Boston — Jazz Women in Boston on WMFO radio featuring Nuage, with Rashida Shah, and the Michele Feldheim trio. 11AM, 91.5 FM. Info: 625-6600 ext. 142.

Boston — AIDS: Profile of An Epidemic. (See Sept. 5 listing for details.) Channel 44, 10PM.

Boston — The Guest Stars, a British, all-women jazz/rock fusion sextet at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St., 9PM. Info: 423-7730.



The Guest Stars

Bangor, Maine — Jazz pianist, singer and songwriter Debbie Fier in concert to benefit the Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition. Donation \$4. 8PM at the Unitarian Church, 126 Union St. Info: (207) 862-2078.

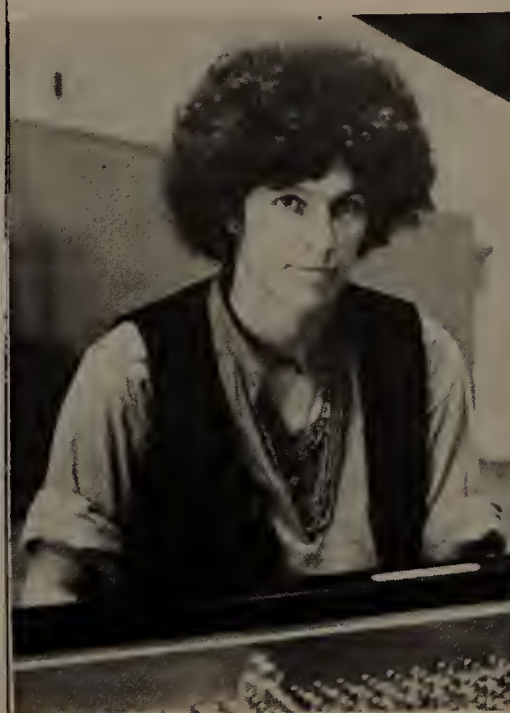
Boston — Beebo Brinker auditions, 11AM to 3PM. (See Sept. 6 listing for details.)

9 sunday

Boston — Pot-luck supper for lesbians and gay men in the Brighton/Brookline area. 7PM. Info: 738-0656.

Danbury, CT — An Autumn Affair — sponsored by **Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders and National Gay Task Force** and other Honored Guests. Limited to the first 150 respondents. Send donations (Sponsor: \$100, Guest: \$40) to GLAD, P.O. Box 2045, Danbury, CT 06810. Reservation and directions will be returned by mail.

Portsmouth, N.H. — Jazz pianist, singer and songwriter Debbie Fier in concert at the Iris Club, 40 Pleasant St. 8PM Info: (603) 436-8958.



Debbie Fier

11 tuesday

Boston — GCN Membership meeting for volunteer, staff and Board of Directors. Review last month's papers and discuss initial proposals from the Affirmative Action/Anti-Racism Committee. 6:30PM, 167 Tremont St. (Ring buzzer outside door and someone will let you in.) Info: 426-4469.

Dorchester — Dorchester Gay and Lesbian Alliance: Ann Maguire and Arline Isaacson will discuss lesbian and gay politics. 7:30PM at 78 Waldeck St. Free. Everyone Welcome. Info: 265-0681.

Cambridge — "Coming Out: Resources in the Community" Discussion 8PM. All Women Welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave, Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation requested.

12 wednesday

Boston — Community Networking Breakfast for representatives of Gay/Lesbian groups. 8AM at Club Cafe Columbus Ave. at Berkeley St. Sponsored by Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance and Mass. Gay Political Caucus.

13 thursday

Roxbury — Little Flag Theatre, New Rise of the Master Race. Place Road Auditorium, Mass. College of Art, Longwood T stop. Info: 232-2666.

Boston — Citywide Lesbian and Gay Constituency of the Rainbow Coalition. Discussion of new membership drive, Rainbow issues and future events. New members welcome. 7:30PM. Info: Malkah or Catherine, 364-5938.

14 friday

Roxbury — New Rise of the Master Race. (See Sept. 13 listing for details.)

Boston — The Sidewalk Sector — A movie about free speech, graffiti, and the ownership of the sidewalks. 7:30PM at Brushfire Graphics 636 Beacon St. Admission \$3. Info: 424-1450.

15 saturday

Boston — Gay and Lesbian Hotline training for new volunteers. Both men and women encouraged to attend. Info: 542-5188, weekdays.

Boston — Jazz Women in Boston on WMFO radio featuring the Jane Doe Band and Bouganvillea. 11AM, 91.6 FM. Info: 625-6600 ext. 142.

Roxbury — New Rise of the Master Race. (See Sept. 13 listing for details.)

Notes

Brothers, by David Lloyd, Ed Weinberger and Stan Daniels, with Paul Regina and Philip Charles Mackensie, on Showtime cable TV, Thursdays at 10PM.

Brothers is a slickly produced, Hollywood-based sitcom featuring openly gay characters as regulars. Unfortunately, the show is available only to subscribers of the cable channel Showtime (Thursday nights at 10:00). Showtime picked up the series after ABC turned it down several years ago because it was "too much like *Cheers*."

The show centers around three brothers. Lou, the oldest (played by Brandon Maggart), is an Archie Bunker type of construction worker who is just a little on the dumb side. The middle brother, Joe (played by Robert Walden otherwise remembered as Rossi on *Lou Grant*), is an ex-professional football player who now runs a bar and restaurant called The Point After and keeps the family together. He is divorced, with a 17-year-old daughter who is also a character in the show. The youngest brother, Clifford (played by Paul Regina), is a student who also happens to be gay.

The other gay character is Donald (played by Philip Charles Mackensie), "the flamboyant one" as the California press agent for the show explained to me. Donald is Clifford's friend and mentor but, as is made abundantly clear, they are not involved with each other. Donald's stereotypical behavior will at times anger some viewers, but there is enough of a real character here so that he grows on you in later episodes. At least through the third installment, neither of the gay characters has a steady relationship (nor do the straight ones), nor are there any lesbians.

None of the actors or writers involved with the show admit to being gay, but the series does have "gay advisors." (Imagine getting paid for that.) The writers and creators of the series, David Lloyd, Ed Weinberger and Stan Daniels, can boast *Cheers*, *Taxi*, and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* among their various credits.

The show uses gay stereotypes to get laughs but never in a mean or nasty way, although it does represent a somewhat limited view of who and what gay people are about. While most people will recognize Donald as "the fag next door" type, Clifford is a bit more enigmatic and represents a departure from television's standard notions of gay characters. Mostly well written, at times even clever, *Brothers* is otherwise a perfectly standard interpretation of the sitcom form.

My friends and I who watched the tapes did find ourselves laughing quite a bit, and despite the flaws, it's a nice change to watch television and see gay and straight characters interacting with each other, helping each other and offering each other genuine affection and understanding.

— Art Cohen

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